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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments, filed 04/28/2010, have been entered and made of record. Claims 1-8 are pending, claims 3, 4, and 6 are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 04/28/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. See below.

Applicant states, "claim 1 is different from Asato because reference information (e.g. clip ID) is used to reference two different files (e.g. an original file and a copied file) on two different recording devices (e.g. a first storage part and a second storage part)."

In response the Examiner respectfully disagrees. The amended claims clearly recites the clip ID that is used to access the original storage part is changed and the changed clip ID is used to access the copied material file. Hence one reference information is not used to reference two different files, the clip ID is used to access the original file and the changed clip ID is used to access the copied material file on the second storage part. In addition Asato teaches file name (referring to reference information wherein the file name is edited (referring to changed)). See the rejection sets forth below.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., Applicant states 'Asato does not suggest reference information which refers to two different recording devices') are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van*

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Geuns, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). The claims neither recite ‘devices’ nor ‘device.’

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Asato (US Pat. No. 7, 302, 158).

Regarding claim 1, Asato teaches a non-linear editing device, comprising:

a random accessible and detachable first material storage part; a random accessible second material storage part; a material reference management part for managing a clip ID that references an original material file stored in the first, the clip ID used to access the original material file from the first material storage part (see col. 14 line 63-col. 15 line 2, operation input signal is inputted by the user to the CPU 53, thus the CPU reads out A/V data (material file) stored on HDD by making reference to file management, see col. 10 lines 30-35, management section designates file name to carryout reproduction of designated file, see also col. 10 lines 62-65, col. 13 line 64-col. 14 line 1) ; and

a material copy management part for copying the original material file stored in the first material storage part to the second material storage part as a copied material file, and requesting

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the material reference management part to change the clip ID to reference the copied material file, the changed clip ID used to access the copied material file from the second material storage part (see col. 14 lines 55-62 and col. 15 lines 3-61 second material data inserted, see figure 10 edited file name (referring to changing clip ID), see also col. 14 lines 16-32, figures 10 and 13).

Regarding claim 2, Asato discloses the material reference management part includes: a material location table expressing a corresponding relation between a material ID for uniquely identifying the material file and a material location specifying a storage place of the material file (see figure 7 and col. 18 line 52-col. 19 line 21); and a clip material reference table expressing a corresponding relation between the clip ID and a material ID to which the clip ID refers (see col. 10 lines 23-51). See also figures 5, 6A, 10 and 13.

Regarding claim 5, Asato teaches the material reference management part includes a clip material reference table expressing a corresponding relation between the clip ID and a material location specifying a storage place of the material file to which the clip ID refers (see figures 6A-C, 7-8 and col. 11 line 55-col. 12 line 16). See also figures 6, 7 and 11.

Regarding claim 7, Asato teaches the material copy management part copies at least a material file that is to be edited among the original material files stored in the first material storage part to the second material storage part as the copied material file (see abstract, col. 14 line 50-col. 15 line 17).

Regarding claim 8, Asato teaches the material reference management part manages a reference starting point and a reference termination point of the material file to which the clip ID refers to (see figure 10 and col. 14 lines 16-46); and the material copy management part copies a region including a section designated by the reference starting point and the reference

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termination point designated by editing in the copy original material file stored in the first material storage part to the second material storage part as the copied material file (see col. 13 line 55-col. 14 line 32 and figure 15), and requests the material reference management part to change reference information so as to allow the clip ID referring to the copy original material file to refer to the same section of the copied material file (see col. 14 lines 33-46). See also rejection of claim 1 above.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571)272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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